

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

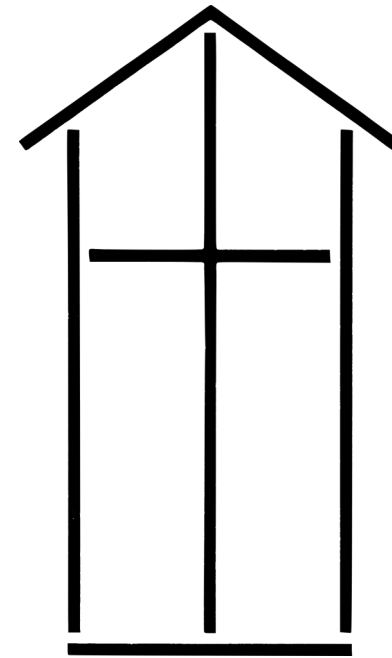
Every member a minister

The Deacon of the Week is Holly Wiggs.
The Caregiving Chair for December is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinators for December are Annette Hitt,
Sarah Reynolds and Sunny Fowler.
The Caregiving Chair for January is Annette Hitt.
The Caregiving Coordinator for January is Steve Godbold.
The Caregiver of the Week is Sarah Reynolds.
The Liturgist for December is Amy Williams.
The Liturgist for January is Amanda Milam.
The flowers for December are provided by Lisa Kelly,
Kandy Sims and Becky Frame.
The flowers for January are provided by Jennifer Stribling and
Jane Claire Williams.
The Usher Captain for December is Keith Davis.
The Usher Captain for January is Dawn Warrington.

Every member of Northminster Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called by this congregation to serve as enablers in such ministry.

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| Senior Pastor | Scott Dickison |
| Associate Pastor for Children and Adults | Lesley Ratcliff |
| Interim Youth Coordinator | Dabbs Massey |
| Minister of Music | Tim Coker |
| Organist | Sheila Hess |
| Organist Emeritus | Billy Trotter |
| Office Manager | Leslie Ward |
| Financial Secretary | Sam South |
| Receptionist/Secretary | Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley |
| Sexton | Lamenais Simeon |

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

God can never be born enough.

—Macrina Wiederkehr
from “Christmas Is for Healing”

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———— CHILDREN’S NEWS ————

Children’s Worship Volunteer Schedule

December 29: Firecrackers—Kelly & Josh Guyton
Sparklers—Amy & Matt Thames

January 5: Firecrackers—Caroline & Kirk Sims
Sparklers—Leah & Tal Hendrix

January 12: Firecrackers—Olivia & Keith Studdard
Sparklers—Caroline & Kirk Sims

Parents’ Night Out

Friday, January 10, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

You can make a reservation for your children (infant—sixth grade) by calling the church office at 601-982-4703 by Wednesday, January 8. Please remember to feed your children before they arrive or provide a brown-bag supper. We will also have Parents’ Night Out on February 7, March 28 and May 9.

Preschool Atrium, Elementary Atrium and Four5Six

Resume Sunday, January 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Children’s Birthday Gathering

Thursday, January 16, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Children whose birthdays are in January are invited to stop by the Great Hall to enjoy an ice cream treat with Lesley.

People: Brothers and sisters, now is the time for great rejoicing, for Christ is born in our hearts!

Leader: Let us celebrate the arrival of Light and Life, lifting our voices to praise God’s holy name.

People: Let us sing praises of thanksgiving for the Gift and the Giver.

All: Rejoice! Rejoice, for the Lord our God is with us, now and forevermore!

*The Gloria Patri

MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*The Prayer of Invocation

Katrina Pace

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

God beyond us, beside us, and within us, we come to you in our humanness, confessing that our desire to please you is often met with self-will and self-doubt. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the courage to go beyond our places of comfort, to stand beside those needing the touch of your hand, and to experience the silence within ourselves, trusting that you are always there.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

Lesley Ratcliff

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn

Great Carols of Our Faith
(sing verses 1 and 2)

No. 185 "We Three Kings"
No. 169 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"
No. 164 "Silent Night"

*The Offertory Prayer

Katrina Pace

The Offertory

"Silent Night"

Pethel

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise loving God, whom we adore. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

Scott Dickison

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

"O Holy Night"
Amanda Milam, *soprano*

Adam

The Sermon

"Unfolding Incarnation"

Scott Dickison

COMMITMENT

Northminster is an open fellowship that wants to share its gift of life and ministry with others. During the Time of Response, this church extends an invitation to membership by request for baptism, by letter from a sister church, or by statement of your Christian experience in another denomination. If you would like to unite with this covenant community, please come forward at this point in the service.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School

Join us at 9:15 a.m. There will be donuts and good conversation.

Twelfth-Night Bonfire

January 5 at 4:15 p.m. If you have a tree that you are throwing out and we can use it for the bonfire, please contact Dabbs at 601-668-2554. We will need 8-10 trees. At the bonfire we will focus our attention on what we would leave behind in this new year and what we would take with us. We'll have supper and s'mores! Meet at the youth house at 4:15 to caravan to the bonfire in Flowood. All college students who are home for Christmas and any former youth who are town are welcome and encouraged to join us.

Sunday Nights at the Youth House

We will start back at 5:00 p.m. on January 12 for dinner, games, fellowship and a lesson.

Stewpot

Saturday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m. Meet in the Great Hall kitchen, where we will prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot. We will go out to lunch when we finish.

Youth Sunday/Dessert Auction

February 9. Youth lead worship and teach Sunday school, followed by a church-wide luncheon and dessert auction to raise money for youth trips.

Adult Studies

5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

January 19: The Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Cycle

January 26: The Lent, Easter, and Pentecost Cycle

Living the Story: A History of the Liturgical Calendar

The Christian Year, also known as the Liturgical Calendar, shapes the common life of congregations across the globe, helping us to keep time by the story of our faith. Yet, like so much of Christian theology and practice, this calendar developed over a number of years and comes to us as a synthesis of traditions that emerged all across the Christian world. Over these two weeks, we will take a closer look at the development of the two major cycles that anchor our year, discussing how and why they formed and where we might find meaning within them.

Northminster Women's Retreat 2025

Friday, January 24 – Sunday, January 26

Eagle Ridge Conference Center – Raymond, MS

The Soil of Sorrow

To know loss and sorrow is to be human, and to be human is to seek community and love. On this year's retreat, we will explore how we support ourselves and others through sorrow and loss, and how we deepen our connections with one another as we till the soil of sorrow to see what might bloom there. We'll share song and stories by the fire, participate in art and writing, and engage in embodied activity. As is our women's retreat way, we'll laugh and play games and have lots of good snacks, too!

Cost: \$225 per person; \$300 for a single room

Cost should never keep someone from attending. If there is a need for a scholarship, please contact Lesley Ratcliff.

Questions? Contact Lesley Ratcliff at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org or 601-927-0259.

TIME OF RESPONSE

Now, looking through the slanting light of the morning window
toward the mountain presence of everything that can be
what urgency calls you to your one Love?
What shape waits in the seed of you
to grow and spread its branches
against a future sky?

—David Whyte
from “What to Remember When Waking”

*The Recessional Hymn No. 146 *ANTIOCH*

“Joy to the World”

*The Benediction Scott Dickison

*The Postlude “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Burkhardt

**The congregation will please stand.*

The scriptures for today are found on
the following pages in the pew Bible:


Psalm 148, page 508
Colossians 3:12-17, page 958
Luke 2:41-52, pages 833-834

Today is the First Sunday after Christmas Day, a twelve-day celebration of the birth of Jesus and the incarnation of God in the life of Christ. The liturgical color is white, symbolic of the purity of Christ.

————— CAREGIVING CONCERNS —————

CARE CARDS may be found in the pew racks, if you would like to write anyone. Place your cards in the offering plate. Cards will be mailed from the church office on Monday morning.

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS

 Northminster is saddened by the death of Kathy Miller, a member of Northminster since 2016. Christian sympathy is extended to Rush Miller, Hart, Madeleine and Mary Gilbert Wylie, Megan Wylie, and all of Kathy's family and friends.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS

Gorman Schaffer Libby McGee Carolyn Aden
Tom Starling Sue Edwards R.W. McCarley
Carla Holt Virginia Hamilton

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

The Caregiving Committee considers it a privilege to pray for each concern that affects our church family. Recognizing the power of prayer, we meet each Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the church conference room for a brief, informal prayer-time and invite all who can to join us. If you have prayer concerns, please call the church office or a member of the Caregiving Committee.

Brumfield House

January 2: Scott Wilson
January 9: Jeff Wilson
January 16: Deacons
January 23: Skipper Jernigan

Meals on Wheels

Monday, January 6

Cooks: Rt. 1 Drivers:
Peggy Brady Becky & Tim Frame/Gayla Purvis
Rebecca Starling Rt. 2 Drivers:
Amanda Milam Pat & Mike Beall

Meals on Wheels needs one cook and two drivers for Mondays. If you are interested, please call Peggy Brady (cook) at 601-201-6242 or Steve Bass (drive) at 601-209-2436.

————— ANNOUNCEMENTS —————

New Year's Eve Reflection and Communion

Tuesday, December 31
6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Sanctuary will be open for one hour on New Year's Eve for a time of quiet reflection and guided meditation. Communion will be served to those who wish to partake.

Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed Wednesday, January 1.

For pastoral care needs, please call 601-980-1002.

Baptism of the Lord Vesper Service

Sunday, January 12
5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

If you are interested in receiving baptism at this service, please contact one of the pastors.

Northminster Essentials

Sunday, January 19 through Sunday, March 2
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Library (room opposite the main office)

If you are seeking to better understand the history and practices of the family of faith called Northminster, this is the course for you.

For questions or to sign up, please call the church office at 601-982-4703 or email Lesley at lesley@northminsterbaptist.org.